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**TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**37 CFR 1.97(b)**

1. ☐ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

**37 CFR 1.97(c)**

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Thorsten Wojciechowski ) Group Art Unit: 3753  
Application No. 10/023,607 ) Examiner: George L. Walton  
Filed: 18 December 2001 )  
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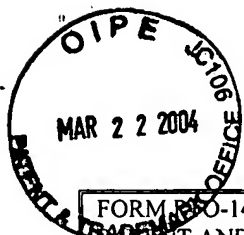
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It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

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## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		Robert Bosch GmbH, "Directional control valves NG 6 Series D, Issue 1.0," brochure from Bosch-Automation Technology, Industrial Hydraulics, pp. 1-44
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